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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO PRIME MINISTER

REF: LONDON 7933

1. DAILY TELEGRAPH OF MAY 19 ALSO CARRIED STORY ON PRESIDENT'S LETTER REGARDING DUAL DESIGNATION. ARTICLE IS DEVOTED PRIMARILY TO POLITICAL ASPECTS, CITING "INTENSE RESISTANCE" OF MASSACHUSETTS POLITICIANS TO ELIMINATING AN AIRLINE FROM BOSTON AND SAYING PRESIDENT HAS ASKED PM "TO HELP HIM OUT OF A TIGHT POLITICAL SPOT." IT ALSO NOTES U.S. SPECULATION THAT BRITAIN MIGHT TAKE OPPORTUNITY TO COMPENSATE BRITISH CALEDONIAN FOR ITS LOSS OF RIGHTS (TO BE APPEALED) TO LOS ANGELES, DESPITE FACT BRITISH AIRWAYS WOULD BE PRINCIPAL BRITISH LOSER IF DUAL DESIGNATION AT BOSTON MAINTAINED.

2. IAN BROWN OF U.K. DEPARTMENT OF TRADE EXPRESSED FEAR THAT THE PUBLICITY MIGHT RESULT IN PRESSURE ON U.K. GOVERNMENT TO BE DIFFICULT. HE NOTED THAT UKG DOES NOT REPEAT NOT INTEND TO RELEASE CALLAGHAN'S REPLY.

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3. BROWN PREDICTED THAT INITIAL REPLY, EXPECTED SHORTLY, WILL BE COURTESY INTERIM RESPONSE. U.K. GOVERNMENT IS CONSULTING WITH INTERESTED U.K. PARTIES BEFORE FORMULATING ITS POLICY IN THE MATTER. (WE HAVE HEARD, FOR EXAMPLE, THAT BRITISH AIRPORTS AUTHORITY IS CONSIDERING PROPOSAL TO ACCEPT

THIRD CITY PROVIDED ADDITIONAL SERVICE USES GATWICK  
RATHER THAN HEATHROW.)

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